



National Board Certification

Who is Eligible?

To pursue National Board Certification, candidates must have:

- A baccalaureate degree
- Three years of teaching experience in early childhood, elementary, middle or secondary schools prior to submitting an application
- A valid state teaching license for each of those three years (check www.nbpts.org for complete eligibility requirements)

What is Required of Candidates?

The rigor of NBPTS standards leads candidates to spend approximately 200-400 hours preparing for and completing the certification process, which may take one to three years. Throughout this period, candidates become familiar with the standards for their certificate areas, review their content knowledge to prepare for assessment questions, evaluate their teaching practices and prepare their portfolio entries. Specifically, candidates will submit the following components for scoring:

- Analysis and reflection of video recordings of their classroom teaching (two portfolio entries)
- Analysis of and reflection on student work with samples (one portfolio entry)
- Documented accomplishments of work outside the classroom and evidence of how that work impacts student learning (one portfolio entry)
- Online assessment exercises (constructed response questions scheduled at a local assessment center) that demonstrate subject-matter expertise (six exercise, each allowing 30 minutes for response)

To apply, or for more information: Visit www.nbpts.org or call **1-800-22TEACH**.

For funding assistance, contact your Indiana National Board Candidate Subsidy Administrator, Deborah A. Rode, NBCT: drode@greencastle.k12.in.us, debrode@aol.com or call **812-448-3782**.

"Reflection is the key not only for my own growth, but for my students' growth as well." --**Catherine Marchese, D.M.A., NBCT/ Monroe Co. Comm. School Corp.**